



Smith Calls On Public to Gag Hearst

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he is in Palm Beach all winter and in California all summer.

"He said to the chairman, 'You need keep no tickets for any friend of mine.' I want to say to the chairman that if he kept tickets for friends of Hearst he could keep them in his ear."

"In his morning edition of 'The American' he has a picture of me with a laboring man cartooned on one side and a mother and her children on the other. The headline reads, 'Answer these people, Governor Smith.' I want to say to this audience that I am anxious to bring him... this platform on which he could answer these people. They need no answer from me, and before I am finished I will make it my business to see that they need no answer from me—they need it from him; they need it from the man that is exploiting them; they need it from the man that is sowing in their minds and in their hearts the seeds of disorder and discontent to suit his own dirty, selfish purposes."

"Now, this afternoon I said to myself: 'When I get on the stage to-night I will try and imagine that I am a laborer, and I will try and imagine that I am a mother and her children. I have a case to make out before a jury, and I will have in mind that every jury in a case of circumstantial evidence is keen to know the motive. The establishment of the motive is the case if you can show the motive.' In order to show the motive of this attack upon me, I propose to take this machine by the throat and shake it through my administration since January 1 up to to-night, and I will put in your minds as quickly as I can do the motive for this attack upon me."

Defends Kellogg
"On the first of January, when I went into office I appointed my legal adviser, Judge Joseph A. Kellogg, of Jones Falls. In all of the State of New York a cleaner and abler man could not be found for that position, and when I went to him and asked him to accept it he was reluctant about it. I asked him to do it for me, to help me, and he finally consented. At the time of his appointment not a word was said either 'The American' or 'The Journal'."

"On the ninth of January there was a strike in the city here because of a strike between the farmers on the one hand and the distributors of milk on the other. I was appealed to. Under the law of the state I had no power to continue the strike, but anything that I thought he ought to do, but I undertook to settle the strike. In what I was successful, for the milk began to flow into New York, and the committee so arranged that there was to be no increase in the price to the consumer. That is what happened on the ninth of January, and that is the committee that is so grossly and so gravely misrepresented in the Hearst newspapers as being a committee made up of the representatives of the trust."

Turned Down Hearst
"And that fact has been distorted and turned around until it is a mass of lies, not understandable to anybody, only the man that concocts them, for he has the hidden motive and the hidden purpose in the back of his head. Everything went along all right until the 25th of March, when we had the parade of the 27th Division. Before that parade, Mr. Hearst, through another party, made a request of me that I denied. I denied it because I did not think as Governor of this state, in honor I could do it. Through another party Mr. Hearst asked me for an appointment for a friend of his. I made up my mind that the appointee should be a woman to a state commission, and I selected a woman from the Western part of the state. And that disappointed him."

"Ten days after that the first editorial appears in 'The New York American.' It does not chastise me. It is a kindly editorial. It is one of those editorials of warning. It says, 'The test of the Governor is now at hand. Will he fail?' It quotes a statement that I made upon the adjournment of the Legislature, criticizing them for failing to pass the welfare bill that I recommended in my first annual message. And then it follows on by saying, 'These are nice words, Governor, but the people don't go by words; they go by deeds. Why did you appoint Joseph Kellogg a Public Service Commissioner?' He was all right on January 1, but after Mr. Hearst suffered his disappointment because he felt that he could not call upon me to do that which I did not think was right, he found fault with Kellogg and used that familiar expression of his, 'A tool of the corporations,' or something to that effect."

"At the bottom of it all this editorial writer wrote this: 'The people hate a trimmer and a traitor, a backer and a flatter, a temporizer and a compromiser. No Democrat has ever yet succeeded in that way.'"

"Had Hearst in Mind"
"Now, I hold that the man that wrote that had Hearst himself in his mind because he fills that bill to a 'T.' It cannot be made to apply to me because I have succeeded."

"The warning was issued on April 25, and it led me to me as if the warning were paving the way for something else that was going to happen, because around that time it was whispered that a judge of the Supreme Court, sitting in the Appellate Division, was about to resign, and the little warning was intended to let the Governor know that he must not slip up on that one. So, accordingly, on April 30 and before the resignation was sent to the Governor I received this letter: 'My Dear Governor: I understand that Supreme Court Justice Clarence J. Shearn has resigned his office, to take effect May 1. As one of the friends and admirers of Judge James A. Donegan, may I not take the liberty of suggesting to you his name for consideration when this matter is before you for decision? James A. Donegan is the chairman of the Independence League party and the party associate of Justice Shearn, whom he succeeded as chairman of the league. He has been a resident of New York for many years and I believe you have known him personally for a long period. His qualifications are admirable. A well known lawyer, of splendid character, sound judgment, and so popular among all classes, by virtue of his party affiliations, the logical successor to Justice Shearn.'"

Signed by Schneider
"That is the explanation of the can didate. The last part of the letter says: 'I am adding to this his appointment would bring to our party strong and positive ally, who, through his newspapers, has a large and independent following in this city.'"

"Now that is signed by William F. Schneider, County Clerk. Now Mr. Schneider denies that his request came from Mr. Hearst. So far, so good. I have no quarrel with Mr. Schneider, but he is an elected constitutional officer in this county and he holds an important public office. Don't let him make that statement again, because if he does I will tell him the name of the man to whom he told that Mr. Hearst wanted him to come and see me about it."

Instead He Named Luce
"On the 5th day of May Judge Shearn resigned. On the 7th day of May I appointed Robert L. Luce, the next day the attack came, and the

ings were about the Capitol in Albany that 'Hearst has a man on the Governor's trail; there is somebody up here to watch everything that happens.' Well, let's see how well that fellow watched it. On the 10th of May there appears an attack against the Governor in the paper for appointing a man named Flora a county judge in Orleans County. If I sat up all night and devoted the best thought that I could bring to my command, and look all over the County of Orleans, it would be impossible for me to find a man better equipped, better trained, and who met with more popular general satisfaction in the appointment, than the man that I appointed."

"I took him six days to find something else, and he actually found that I came down here to the Metropolitan Club a club of wealthy men, and I went in and made a speech to them. I came there at the invitation of the Reconstruction Commission to see if it was possible to talk some money out of those wealthy fellows to build some houses in this city. But the attack had to be continued, and the paper said: 'It was asserted that the Governor came down to the Metropolitan Club to avoid a special session of the Legislature, so that the state or the city could not put up the money to build the buildings.'"

"Now, that is supposed to be fed out to intelligent people. The presumption is that the man with brains, or the woman with brains, is going to read that and they sent a school boy or schoolgirl in New York that doesn't know that the public money of this state or this city, under our constitution, cannot be loaned to builders or to anybody else."

"Now, everything was falling. The Governor was still running the state his own way and doing what he thought was the right thing, and every attempt at attack was lost to the public. It was asserted that the Governor had a little meeting and the question was discussed as to what next to go at the Governor on. So they finally made up their mind that they would attack the Governor of the state because he refused to let the price of milk in New York at a lower figure. 'Smith was responsible for the starvation of the children in New York because he refused to reduce the price of milk.'"

"Breeds Seed of Anarchy"

"Any man that leads you to believe that your lot in life is not all right, that you are not getting your fair share of the good things of life, that you are being oppressed or against the man at the head of it, to help himself, is breeding anarchy. It is breeding anarchy, more disastrous to the welfare of the community than it is used in than any other teaching that I can think of, because, at least, the wildest anarchist, the most extreme Socialist, the wildest radical that you can think of, may at least be sincere in his own heart."

"He may think that is right when he preaches it. But the man that preaches to a crowd of but of any for community discontent and dissatisfaction, to help himself and to make good his side of the argument and to destroy, as he said himself he would, the Governor of the state is a man as low and as mean as I can picture him."

"Throughout this whole campaign it was attempted to fix in the minds of the people that there existed some place in the statute law of this state the power on the part of the Governor to fix the price of milk, and in his desperation after the nomination of the county ticket that was put into his paper in so many words, and he knew that it is not so. His lawyers know that it is not so, and I defy him—and he has the best legal advice in this city, because he never utters a word until it is well scrutinized by an array of lawyers to keep him away from libel suits—I defy him or his lawyers to challenge that cold, straightforward statement of mine, that no power exists in his hands or in the hands of any other agency of this government to fix the price at which anybody can sell anything in this state, whether it is milk or shoes or clothing or houses or anything else."

No Power of Removal

"Every man that writes on a newspaper knows that the Governor of the state has no power to remove any of the officials of the Department of Agriculture. He knows that they are all appointed by a Council of Farms and Markets, and he knows that the council is elected by the Legislature, and in 1917 the agricultural, farming and market interests of this state, to the minutest detail, were removed away from the control of the Governor, in order that they may be a regency, as are the educational affairs of the state. But all through his articles he has given the impression that men in the department, unfit for office, could be removed by me, when he knew it to be not the fact. I will make a confession to you. I do not want to be too hard on him. It isn't in my heart to hurt anybody."

"I didn't want him to come on this

platform for any other reason except to show him that he is a liar. 'Now he flares out a headline that Smith appointed a representative of the milk trust to office. That is a lie. I never appointed the man whose name is mentioned in the paper in my life, and every appointment that is made by the Governor, even to a notary public, has to be recorded in a certain book that is public property in the executive chamber in Albany, and he can go up and look at that book.'"

"He flared out in his headline something that I had to pay attention to—that the New York Central was in league with the Milk Trust to curb the man that did not join the league, and he gave the details of a station in Dutchess County where the New York Central Railroad refused to accept the milk. I immediately sent for the District Attorney to see if it was a violation of the law. The District Attorney subpoenaed the men from up in Dutchess County, and after a thorough examination of the case I got a letter from the District Attorney, of which I will read but a few lines: 'The explanation made by Mr. Grinnell is a clear and satisfactory one, from which it would appear that the New York Central Railroad was not, nor was any of its representatives, a member of any conspiracy to prevent Mr. McArthur from shipping milk to this city.'"

"The fact of the matter was that no milk came from this station in Dutchess County to this city in thirteen years."

"He speaks constantly through his papers of a letter that I received from Mayor Hyman begging me to do something. Why, the Mayor never sent me a letter about it. I never received such a letter. The Mayor won't say he sent it to me."

"Of course, you all remember the harrowing detail of all the babies that were dying in New York because the Governor did not reduce the price of milk. The fact is, and it is something for which we can be thankful to Almighty God, that the infant mortality in this state and in this city in the last six months has been lower than at any other time in the whole history of the state. That is the fact."

Told Swann to Proceed

"I think the most ridiculous headline I saw was, 'The Governor Interferes With the Prosecution of the Trust.' This is the fact: I sent down to the Criminal Courts Building for Judge Swann and his assistant in the month of August, immediately after I impelled the special grand jury to hear the criminal anarchy case. I sent for Judge Swann, and I said, 'Have you got any evidence against these distributors?' He said, 'Yes.' I said, 'Go and bring it in before that special grand jury, or any other grand jury that you have got down there. You called this grand jury into being for a certain specific purpose.'"

"Well, I said, 'Wait until I tell you something, judge. If the call is not broad enough I will broaden it this afternoon, and I want to say this to you, I don't know whether I have that power or not; if I have I will do it, and if I haven't I know that I have got the power to impel another one. I will give you another jury. Swann went down and presented the evidence against the distributors of milk in this country. I wrote to him to find out what was the result, and I just took a small extract from his letter to save time: 'I have presented all the evidence that I have been able to secure, but without direct evidence or a confession'."

"After Mr. Swann at the Women's Democratic League received from every part of this country upward of two thousand letters, commending me for the stand that I had taken and to have one letter commending Hearst, and let me read it to you: 'You want to complain about W. N. Hearst. I know that he is an anarchist, but he has one good thing, he exposes you grafters all right. You don't need to complain; you know that you have sold the public and their babies to the milk trust; you know you got your share of the \$500,000 that was made in nine months. What the hell do you care about the public? You're just the same as that Judas Wilson; he sold the whole world to England and Germany, and you sold the public to the milk trust. But you got your reward for it. The other fellow is dying al-

ready, and you'll get yours.' It was not signed."

"Now I might not have paid much attention to that letter were it not for the fact that as I read it over the second time I find that it contains almost verbatim a number of headlines from the Hearst papers. Now that is where that man got his idea, and that is where he got his inspiration, and that is his idea of this country and his treatment for the President or any other public official."

"Now the editor said something in his letter of declination about crooked politicians. He has that letter very carefully worded, inspected by a well-endowed corps of lawyers, but the vilified inference in it is that I am a crooked politician. I will give him another chance. Sixteen years I have been in elected public life in this state. I defy him to mention a crooked act that I ever performed in public or in private life."

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"Follow back the history of this man's newspapers since he came to this part of the country and you will have to read out of his newspapers this remarkable fact: That in this great democracy there has never been a man elected to office yet that has not been tainted in some way."

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Story Is Proved False

"Is there any doubt about that? What manner of man is it, and what manner of newspaper institution is it, in this country, that would plant that seed in the mind of anybody? Only a devil to develop afterward that the presents that were spelled into bribes for the betrayal of the country were worth about \$250."

"I do not come here in my capacity as a citizen of your county. I come here to-night as the Governor of your state. I come here to tell you that there is a condition of unrest throughout this whole country and in this state."

"Labor unrest will cure itself. We will attend to all of our internal problems. No armed to American patriotism and American devotion to this country was ever lost on any American's ears. But I come here to-night to have one letter commending Hearst, and let me read it to you: 'You want to complain about W. N. Hearst. I know that he is an anarchist, but he has one good thing, he exposes you grafters all right. You don't need to complain; you know that you have sold the public and their babies to the milk trust; you know you got your share of the \$500,000 that was made in nine months. What the hell do you care about the public? You're just the same as that Judas Wilson; he sold the whole world to England and Germany, and you sold the public to the milk trust. But you got your reward for it. The other fellow is dying al-

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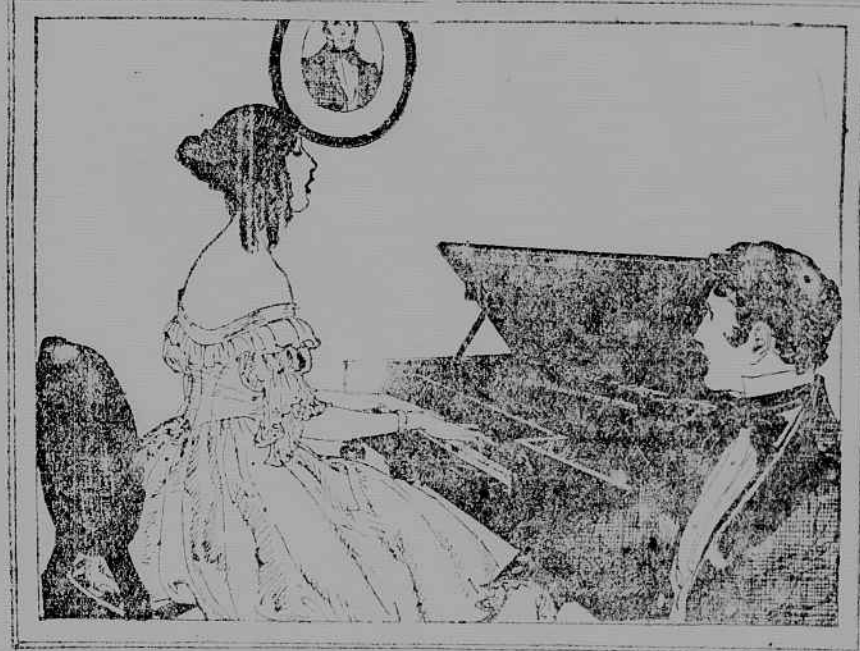
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